



THE SIERRA NEVADA SUITE

THIRTY-ONE WOOD ENGRAVINGS BY

Richard Wagener

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Keep close to Nature's heart... and break clear away, once in awhile, and climb a mountain or spend a week in the woods. Wash your spirit clean.

—John Muir

John Muir reminds us that a life lived without great rocky outcrops and ageless trees as a part of one's native landscape would be a life deprived of one of the greatest resources of the sublime.... In the Sierra Nevada there live trees as old as Sumerian phonographic script and Egypt's Bronze Age Middle Kingdom—there for you to lean against and smell ... alive ... sap oozing from the cores of the oldest living friends we have. Richard Wagener's engravings capture an essential quality of that friendship—nearness and an austere clarity.

—*from the Introduction by Peter Koch*

The 31 blocks, including two panorama fold-out prints, in this special edition were hand-engraved on end-grain boxwood and relief-printed by Richard Wagener. The majority were produced between 2010 and 2013. The present work is a companion volume to *California in Relief*, published by the Book Club in 2009 to wide acclaim, and continues a legacy of ingenuity and beauty.



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